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Agriculture week being celebrated nationwide

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

This is agriculture week, being celebrated across the nation. It is a good time to pause for a moment and consider our dependency on the farmer.

The hamburger you eat is made possible by the wheat grower who produced the grain to make the flour, the meat from beef animal, the slice of pickle from a vegetable producer who grows cucumbers and we could add the many others who provide smaller parts to this delightful food.

Agriculture provides food, fibers for clothing & housing & extracts for medicinal and cosmetic use.

Agriculture is a major industry that is soil-based; that has become so efficient that literally millions of people have been freed of food production chores so that they could create other items for mankinds enjoyment.

Unfortunately the American farmer has not generally shared the prosperity enjoyed by other segments of the economy. Economic pressures squeeze a few more producers out each year.

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Last week I had a call from a buying interest in the eastern part of the state, indicating that a buying station for sunflowers was being developed.

Two types of sunflowers are produced - for the confectionary trade or for oil and meal. This opportunity will be for the confectionary type sunflower.

Sunflowers mature in about 90 days. Some people have produced two crops in one season under ideal conditions. Generally a grower needs to look at soybeans as the competing crop. In other words, which will produce a greater net return under your management, soybeans or sunflowers.

This buyer is offering a contract at a given price per pound. I'll have a copy of the contract and other information if there is some interest.

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Another consideration is to put in a small trial-planting and see how the sunflower produces in your situation. This is an alternative crop that should not be overlooked.

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There is a new nematicide called Standak 2.67F that is being introduced as a demonstration material in 1983 and will be marketed in 1984. This material is similar to Temik in its chemistry, but not as toxic.

The research indicates good performance on root knot nematodes and some activity on flea beetle and aphids.

Standak can be broadcast pre-plant incorporated, applied in a band at the time a bed is formed or in the transplant water. The latter has given best results when used at rate of 2.25 to 3 quarts per acre in 100 to 400 gallons of water per acre.

We would like to have a demonstration using this material on a farm with a known root-knot nematode problem.

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Several soybean growers have inquired about varieties. We can arrange to put out some varietal plots if there is an interest. I would like to hold this to two producers. We do need to know right away if there is some interest.

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The 1982 Dark Fired Cured Tobacco crop was valued at $7.7 million, but disease losses amounted to $154,000. The principal losses were in four areas: Black Root Rot, Blackshank, Tobacco Mosaic Virus and Barn Rot.

The $154.9 mil flue tobacco crop had $4 mil in disease loss. The big causes in this crop were tobacco mosaic virus $929,000, cyst nematode and excessive water.

The $56 mil burley crop had the highest percentage loss, $2.6 mil, with aphid borne virus and Barn Rot accounting for nearly one-half the loss.

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A lot of calls last week about controlling crabgrass in lawns. If no new seeding has been made-Balan granules (2.5%) at 3 pounds per 1,000 square feet. You'll need to come back in four months with another treatment for season long control.

If seed have been added, Siduron in granules or as a spray is your best bet.

SEVERAL TEACHERS received special recognition for outstanding performance at last week's school board meeting. John McLean, assistant principal at Appomattox County High School, cited the efforts of volleyball coach Lacy Harris, distributive education coordinator John McHale, football coach Gary Cuccio, basketball coach Coty Dickerson and (not shown) drama coach Joyce Sweet at the meeting. McLean (left) cited the contributions the teachers have made to the students of Appomattox County, and to the progress of the community in general.

Reader appreciates story

Dear Editor:

While I was clipping articles from newspapers, I came across "Ray Carson recalls Concord community's past." (Times-Virginian, Feb. 2, 1983) Whenever my husband, Mr. Nathaniel Fleshman, enters Carson's Store, he speaks of this county's treasured store for its longevity. Mr. Fleshman is 78 years young. He seems to feel great joy as he talks to members of the Carson lineage.

I am a newcomer to Concord. The reading of C. R. (Ray) Carson's story has been enlightening as well as interesting. May I thank you for the privilege of witnessing this living legend.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lillian Fleshman

ASCS Today

By TOM CONRAD
ASCS Offers Pre-Measurement Service - To take the guess work out of crop certification and help farm program participants obtain and report accurate crop acres, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service provides pre-measurement and other producer services.

One gamble that a farmer should never take is the loss of program benefits because of failure to comply with acreage requirements.

Before crop planting time, ASCS will stake and measure any type of acreage, or portions thereof, that a farmer requests. To be assured that program requirements are met, producers must plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is pre-measured. After planting, they are required to report their crop acreages to ASCS.

We are now accepting pre-measurement service requests. The service costs a minimum of $14.50 and includes measuring, preparing and making fields with stakes prior to planting.

Only those acres pre-measured by our office will be guaranteed.

Other producer services include measuring total cropland, field or subdivisions to be planted and land areas for other purposes. Fees vary, depending on the type of service rendered.

In order for us to fulfill all requests on a timely basis, prior to spring planting, farmers are urged to request pre-measurement early.

Growers Approve Marketing Quotas for Burley Tobacco - Preliminary returns from burley tobacco-producing states show growers - by a 97 percent majority - have approved marketing quotas for the 1983-85 crops, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced today. The mail referendum was conducted by the USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service from Feb. 28 through March 3.

Telephone returns from ASCS state offices indicate 214,669 of the 221,288 voters favored marketing quotas.

On Feb. 1, USDA announced the 1983 national burley tobacco marketing quota at 647 million pounds. After the announcement, two-thirds of growers voting in a referendum had to favor the quota program for it to take effect.

The favorable vote means price support will be available on the next three crops, but any tobacco marketed in excess of 100 percent of a farm's marketing quota will be subject to a marketing penalty of 75 percent of the average market price for the previous marketing year.

Current legislation provides that referendums be held every three years. Since 1944, producers have approved quotas by majorities of between 93 and 99 percent.

Growers Approve Marketing Quotas for Virginia Sun-Cured Tobacco - Preliminary results from mail referendums released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture show tobacco growers have approved - - by a 284 to 26 margin - - marketing quotas for the 1983, 1984 and 1985 crops of Virginia sun-cured tobacco.

Telephone returns from county offices of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Virginia indicate 91.61 percent of the 310 voters in the sun-cured referendum, held Feb. 28 through March 3, approve marketing quotas.

Because marketing quotas were approved by more than two-thirds of those voting in the referendum, quotas will continue in effect for the 1983, 1984 and 1985 crops of Virginia sun-cured tobacco.

Price-support loans will be available on those crops, but any tobacco marketed in excess of farm acreage allotments will be subject to a marketing penalty of 75 percent of the average market price for the previous marketing year.

CFB cites employees

Central Fidelity's first Employee Recognition Meeting was held Thurs., Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. This expanded meeting replaced the annual Service Awards Meeting and included awards not only for service, but also for sales efforts.

Highlighting the program was the induction of 39 membes into President's Club. Rob Turner, assistant vice president and construction loan officer, won the $2,000 grand prize for earning the most points.

Over 100 employees received awards for service ranging from five to 35 years. Among the Appomattox Central Fidelity employees who were recognized were: Elsie Burke, 25 years; June Chenault, 20 years; Lillie Sperry, 20 years; Eileen LeGrand, 15 years; Delaphone Chambers, five years; and Amy Nash, five years.

FCA stockholders meet

The Farmville Farm Credit Association's 1983 annual stockholders' meeting held in two sectional meetings in Appomattox on March 8 and in Blackstone on March 10 had a combined turnout of 519.

Elected to serve a 3-year term on the PCA Board of Directors were Glover D. Gilliam from Appomattox County and Claude W. Wright of Mecklenburg County. Elected to serve on the 1984 Nominating Committee were W. Frank Gee, Lunenburg; J.M. Jenkins, Jr., Lunenburg; and Sam Coleman, Prince Edward.

The FBLA members elected Dick R. Forrester, Jr. of Nottoway County and Harold K. Bailey of Buckingham County to serve 3-year terms as directors. Wayne J. Parrish, Lunenburg; Robert T. Oliver, Sr., Nottoway; and Maxwell F. Moore, Lunenburg were elected to serve on the 1984 FLBA Nominating Committee.

Two employees received service awards. Greg B. Farmer was presented two Jefferson cups for 5 years service; Iris P. seymour received a clock for 30 years of service. A Director Service Award was presented to J.S. Gee who is retiring from the Board after serving as a director since 1951. This award was received on his behalf by his son, W. Frank Gee.

Happiness is 4-H

The 4-H Presentations program will be held on Saturday morning, March 26, at 9:30 a.m. at the Appomattox Elementary School. Junior age (9-11) and Intermediate age (12-15) 4-H members will be participating in the program which includes demonstrations and illustrated talks on a host of different topics. Winners from the various categories will have the opportunity to represent Appomattox in an area program with 4-H'ers from Bedford, Halifax, Amherst, Campbell, and the City of Lynchburg in mid April.

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Senior 4-H'ers should have their presentations prepared and ready by April 4. A practice session for Senior 4-H'ers will be held in the Extension Office on Monday, April 4, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Senior 4-H'ers will participate in the District program on Saturday, April 23.

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Wildlife Feed Patch applications are due in the Extension Office by March 31. Our annual wildlife feed patch mixture will include millet, sunflower and grain sorghum. The three pounds of seed will sow an area of about 1,000 square feet. 4-H'ers may obtain application forms from the Extension Office. Younger members are required to have their parents' permission before obtaining the seed. The annual feed patches provide food and cover for game birds and song birds and small animals during the winter months.

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A big thanks is extended to Rhonda Ranson and Rose Christian, 4-H members who gave presentations during the past week to help adults and teen 4-H'ers learn about the techniques used in judging young people who are giving 4-H presentations. The purpose in these training sessions was to develop a greater degree of consistency in the scoring of 4-H members.

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Senior 4-H members will again have the opportunity to apply as District 4-H Ambassadors. 4-H Ambassadors assist with various county, district and state 4-H programs during the year, as well as help to promote 4-H among other young people. Applications for the Ambassador program are available from the Extension Office. The deadline for application is May 1. Special interviews will be conducted during the week of State 4-H Congress.

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4-H members received 172 bluebird houses last week. Hopefully, many of these birdhouses have been put together and have been put up near the 4-H'ers homes. Bluebirds are busy searching for suitable nesting sites during this season.

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Softball team

Raiderettes are young

This year's version of the Raiderette softball team was scheduled to begin its season Tuesday against Brookville at Brookville.

Coach Mary Tolley lost a wealth of talent from last year's district championship team to graduation. But five girls returning from last year's team have good experience, and Tolley says she has some newcomers to this year's squad who could help the team to another successful season in 1983.

Senior starters returning to this year's team include Robin Paulette (catcher and this year's captain), Janet Thomas (left field) and Cindy Covington (pitcher and second base).

Other starters from 1982 returning to this year's team are Kim Hancock, a junior, and Martha Cheatham, a sophomore.

Others returning from last year's squad include Virginia Marshall (senior outfield). Brenda Wright (junior, infielder), Diane Jones (junior, pitcher and third base), Delores Smith (sophomore, outfield), and Carolyn Cheatham (sophomore, outfield).

Newcomers to this year's team include Ingrid Moore (senior, infield), Vivian Seay (junior, pitcher and second base), Lisa Pannell (junior, outfield), Diane Harvey (junior, outfield), Beth Granaas (sophomore, short stop), Shelia Mullins (freshman, pitcher and third base), and Sherry Purcell (freshman, outfield).

Much of the offensive punch from last year's team was lost to graduation, according to Tolley. Leading hitters Kim Carter, Lolita Preston, Jaquetta Booker, Vickie Cheatham, and designated hitter Marlene Ferguson are all gone this year. Gone also is the Raiderettes' star pitcher of 1982, Angie Murray.

Besides inexperience, the Raiderettes have working against them the fact that they have been able to practice together as a team only little more than a week. Several of the players were also members of the Raiderette volleyball team, which concluded post-season play two weekends ago.

"But the girls have worked hard as a team during the week since the volleyball season ended," Tolley comments. "The girls have a good attitude. They're coming off a winning season in volleyball, and that has carried over into softball season," she adds.

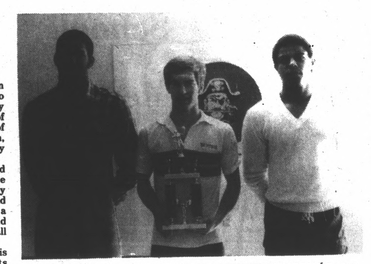
The coach believes that this year's team will have to rely on its speed, at least early in the season. "We don't have the offensive strength we've had in the past. We'll have to get hits, get on base, and then rely on our speed to advance," Tolley notes.

The Raiderettes do have one proven power hitter in Kim Hancock, and the coach believes that Janet Thomas and Shelia Mullins could both turn into solid power hitters for the team.

"Our success this season will depend on how long it takes the girls to come together as a team," Tolley says. "We're already a good two weeks behind in practice."

Tolley feels that Buckingham will be a powerhouse in the Seminole District this season. "They only lost one player, and they really came on strong at the end of last season," the coach notes. Nelson County should also have a strong team, according to Tolley. "We're not going to take anyone for granted, though," she says. "We're going to consider each game a challenge."

The Raiderettes are scheduled to face off against Altavista at Altavista on Friday Tuesday, the girls are scheduled to play Liberty at home. Game time for all games is 4 p.m.



SIX ATHLETES WERE HONORED AT LAST WEEK'S ANNUAL Spring Sports Banquet. In the top photo, members of the 1983 Raider varsity basketball team who received special recognition include (from left) Jeff Miller (rebounding trophy), Rick Caldwell (Raider Award and All-District), and Kevin Ferguson (Most Valuable, All-District, All-Region). Members of the volleyball team (below) who received special recognition include (from left) Ruby Smith (Most Valuable), Kim Hancock (Most Improved) and Patty Roach (Raiderette Award).

Track turnout big

More than 60 athletes turned out for the 1983 track team at Appomattox County High School, according to track coach, Ray Archer.

Archer, who coaches both boys' and girls' track, says that 30 students are currently on the roster for the boys' team, and 35 girls comprise the girls' team.

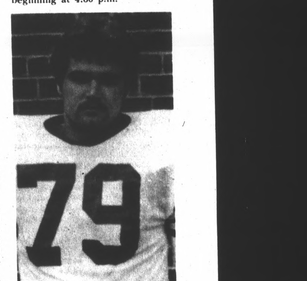
Six outstanding athletes returning from last year's team will form the nucleus for this year's boys' team, according to the coach. They are seniors Charles Walker (880, mile relay, 100-yard dash), Tommy Robinson (shot put and discus), Walter Hurt (880 and mile), Tim Williams (pole vault); and juniors Jeff Fanney (hurdles and mile relay) and Malcolm Miller (mile and two-mile run).

Key members of last year's girls' track team who will be on this year's team include seniors Ruby Smith (hurdles, 440, mile relay) and Corrine Hubbard (shot put and discus); junior Karen Stevens (mile and two mile); and sophomores Carolyn Carnefix (mile and two mile) and Terrilyn Moore (100-yard, 220-yard dashes, mile relay).

"This is the biggest group we've ever had to come out for track," comments Coach Archer. "We have a lot of young, potentially excellent talent that needs to be developed."

The track teams' first meets are scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday at home against Prince Edward. Thursday, the teams will participate in a three-way meet with Rustburg and Buckingham at Buckingham, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Paulette chosen H-SC captain



Gus Paulette

Gus Paulette, a junior at Hampden-Sydney College, has been elected a tri-captain for the 1983 Hampden-Sydney Tiger football team.

The 6-2, 215-pound Appomattox County native received his third letter for varsity football this year.

Paulette, an offensive tackle, played at Appomattox County High School for former varsity football coach Stuart Justus.

He will be sharing tri-captain honors with team mates Jimmy Stringfield and David Allen.

ACHS Honor Rolls

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SENIORS

"A" Honor Roll
Boys
Darwin Harvey, Glenn McClenny, David Page. Girls: Patricia Chandler, Cheryl Cheatham, Laurie Cowan, Rebecca Doss, Jennifer Inge, Donna Layne, Virginia Marshall, Kim Maxwell, Susan Morris, Dawn Pitsenberger, Darlene Smith, Laura Walton, Cheryl Williams.

"B" Honor Roll
Boys: James Beaty, Tracey Chernault, Richard Conner, Mark Drinkard, Tracy Gee, Dale Schrock, Blair Smith, Tim Williams, Danny Smith. Girls: Janice Abernathy, Mitzi Baldwin, Teresa Bass, Joanie Chanda, Stella Carrico, Tammy Franklin, Frances Harris, Corrine Hubbard, Angie Letterman, Kristie Mitchell, Nancy Morris, Terri Nash, Jill Noble, Tina Reynolds, Stacey Richardson, Patty Roach, Renee Wells.

"Honorable Mention"
Boys: Carrel Almond, Abraham Chambers, Terry Dillard, John Franklin, Kevin Layne, Greg Mayberry, Petie McIver, Gary Moore, Jay Stewart. Girls: Stephanie Elder, Cheryl Fitzgerald, Lynne Foster, Gina Goggin, Audrey Moore, Kathy Parsons, Brenda Smith, Ruby Smith.

JUNIORS

"A" Honor Roll
Boys: Bobby Carter. Girls: Lori Coggins, Tamara Hamlett, Helen Mayberry, Tina Moore, Vivian Seay.

"B" Honor Roll
Boys: Timmy Almond, Jay Chernault, Duane Pillingame, Dennis Guill, Neal Leonard, Larry Mann, Mike McCoy, Chris Tolley. Girls: Kaye Brown, Connie Clifton, Margaretta Flood, Roslyn Megginson, Tammy Smith, Karen Stevens, Debbie Walker.

"Honorable Mention"
Boys: Kenneth Mayberry, Malcolm Miller, Todd Scruggs, Todd Thompson. Girls: Crystal Carter, Tammy Carter, Rose Christian, Kim Hancock, Sonje Hancock, Roxanne Martin.

SOPHOMORES

"A" Honor Roll
Boys: Richard Steadman. Girls: Sally Coleman, Tracy Trent, Sandy Walton.

"B" Honor Roll
Boys: Timmy Austin, Phil Bollinger, Lloyd Ferguson, Troy King, Timmy Lawson, Kenneth McClenny, Danny Notestein, Robert Taylor. Girls: Beverly Bennett, Tina Campbell, Michelle Ford, Cathy Robertson, JoAnn Wooding.

"Honorable Mention"
Boys: David Davis, Tony Hodges, Randy Phelps, David Williams. Girls: Carolyn Carnefix, Frances Cashwell, Marsha Cheatham, Pam Franklin, Jo Ellen Garrett, Connie Lewis.

FRESHMEN

"A" Honor Roll
Boys: Darrell Conner, Brett Marston. Girls: Jeannice Bartelt, Rena Hammer, Ada Hunter, Pat Lewis, Shelia Mullins, Tiffany Royal, Katy Schuster, Janet Smith, Lisa Williamson.

SOPHOMORES

"B" Honor Roll
Boys: James Cash, Marvin Hamlett, Jason Justis, Tim Mullins, Russell Walton. Girls: April Archer, Teresa Austin, Shirley Cashwell, Nancy Cole, Lisa Daubenspeck, Shannon Elder, Flo Fleshman, Valerie Garrett, Martha Haley, Anne Hancock, Renee Harris, Lisa Harrison, Charlene Harvey, Joanne Jamerson, Paige Jones, Stephanie Martin, Ronda Morgan, Traci Paulette, Tina Russell, Pam Scruggs, Tondra Strickland, Lora Thompason, Cindy Whitehead, Sherry Wilcox.

"Honorable Mention"
Boys: Howard Anderson, Billy Carter, Lee Drinkard, Mike Martin, Bob Poole. Girls: Cheryl Austin, Donna Davis, Janice Foster, Rosa Harvey, Mark Mayberry, April Moore, Shawn Moore, Angie Totty, Yolanda Trent.

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Drug abuse discussed

"Drug Abuse, the Facts" was the topic addressed by Ms. Sandy Parks and Ms. Susan Wade for fourth-graders at Appomattox Elementary School recently.

Ms. Parks and Ms. Wade work with the Arise drug and alcohol abuse center in Lynchburg.

In the presentation, students were told a story, IALAC, to illustrate how a person's self-concept affects his or her needs.

A movie which used elementary art as a moving cartoon illustrated the effects of drug abuse.

Ms. Parks then talked with the students about the questions they had sent to her through the mail. She concluded by encouraging them to "get the facts" and asked them to call or write to her and she would be happy to answer their questions.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following meetings will be held to inform eligible parties/organizations of the nomination process for appointments to the Central Piedmont Private Industry Council (CPPIC) as required under the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA):

March 29, 1983: 10 a.m., Walter J. Haberer Building, Campbell County Courthouse Square, Rustburg, VA

March 30, 1983: 10 a.m., Henry County Administration Building, Kings Mt. Road, Collinsville, VA

As prescribed by Section 102 of the JTPA, eligible parties/organizations are: general purpose business organizations; educational institutions, agencies, and general organizations; and interested organizations representing organized labor, rehabilitation agencies, community-based organizations, economic development agencies, and public employment service.

All eligible parties/organizations are hereby invited to submit in writing on an official nominations form any nominations for appointment to the CPPIC to the Central Virginia Planning District Commission, P.O. Box 2526, Lynchburg, VA 24501 by 5 p.m., April 13, 1983. Nomination forms can be obtained by calling 804-845-3491.

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